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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. AGASSI, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STANNETT & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES HENRY & CO., 27, Walbrook, E. C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E. C. PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMERI PRINCE & CO., 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORE, Melbourne and Sydney. OCEANIA.—SOUTH & CO., The Merchants Co., Colombo. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVAGE & CO., Singapore. C. HEINZNER & CO., Manila. CHINA.—MOCO, F. A. DE CRUZ, SHAO-TUNG, QUINLAW & CO., AMY, N. MOALIM, Puchow, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, GRAVEY & CO., and KELLY & CO.

BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours will be week-days, 10 to 3, except Saturday, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor may be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO- \$7,500,000
PRIORITIES.

COUNCIL DIRECTORS,
Chairman—M. GROTT, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—O. D. BOTTWICKY, Esq.
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W. H. DABNEY, Esq. R. H. M. HUNTINGTON,
E. L. DALMUYER, Esq. Hon. A. P. McEWEN,
Hon. A. M. LEWIS, Esq. Hon. F. D. SASSON,
H. HOPPIUS, Esq. Hon. F. D. SASSON.

CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
MAJOR,
Shanghai, E. W. CAMBON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum,
" 6 " 2 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 383

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INVESTOR AND RESPONSIBLE OF THE late Mr. GEORG THEODOR SIEMSEN, in our firm chased on the 24th November, 1886, and that of Mr. PAUL GERHARD HUBBE on the 31st December, 1886.

Mr. JACOB RUFF has been authorized to sue our firm for Procuration from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong and China,
14th February, 1887. 310

HONGKONG HOTEL
NOTICE.

M. O. M. ROBERTS, formerly with Messrs. ALEXANDER GORDON & CO., London, has been appointed Hotel Manager.

Mrs. ROBERTS has been appointed Manager.

By Order,

L. HAUSHOFER,
Secretary.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 374

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1886, in or before the 31st instant, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 15, 1887. 476

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1886.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Underwriters with a LIST of THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1886, in ORDER that the DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of MARCH instant will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, March 1, 1887. 376

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS
of 1887.

To be held on the

CRICKET GROUND,

On SATURDAY, 2nd April,

When the following EVENTS will be

competed for, viz.—

1—100 yards Flat Race ... 2 prizes.

2—Putting the Shot ...

3—120 yards Flat Race (Handicap) ... 2

4—High Jump ... 1

5—Quarter Mile Flat Race ... 2

6—Throwing the Cricket Ball ... 1

7—One Mile Walking Race ... 2

8—Soldiers' Half Mile Race ... 3

9—Half Mile Flat Race (Handicap) ... 2

10—120 yards Hurdle Race ... 2

11—Boys' Race—200 yards Handicap (for Boys under 16 years of age) ... 3

12—Long Jump ... 1

13—Veterans' Race ... 2

14—Ladies' Legged Race ... 2

15—300 yards Flat Race (Handicap) ... 2

16—One Mile Flat Race ... 2

17—Consolation Race ... 1

18—International Tug-of-War ... 1

With the exception of Events Nos. 8 and 11, the above are open to all Gentleman Athletes who are Members or Visitors of the Hongkong Club, Club Germania, Victoria Recreation Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Ladies' Recreation Club, and Commissioned Naval and Military Officers.

Intending COMPETITORS are requested to send in THEIR ENTRIES (on Entry Form which can be obtained from the Underwriters) not later than SATURDAY NEXT, the 26th Instant, on which date ENTRIES CLOSE.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886. 402

NOTICE.

We have this Day REMOVED to the

1st FLOOR of No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD, opposite our Old Office.

DENNYS & MOSSOP,
Solicitors & Notaries.

Hongkong, March 26, 1887. 552

WANTED.

A LADY OF GENTLEMAN PIANIST to

Travel.

Apply to

P. H. K.,
Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, March 25, 1887. 541

GRIFFITH'S
PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO.

1, DUDDELL STREET,
HONGKONG.

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NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the

Production of the 'Carina STEAM

REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED' can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR

CASH, at NO. 3, PEEL STREET, at the same

price as at the REFINERY; or RETAIL ORDERS will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their MINTED Requirements in writing direct to the

REFINERY at EAST Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 128

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

Moderate Fees.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly Assistant to Dr. Rogers.)

At the urgent request of his European

and American patients and friends, he has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. Rogers.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address

2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 68

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Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

CIGARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S SPECIAL BRAND 'THE MANILAS.'

LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE.—REINA VICTORIA, BREVES, LONGINES, PRINCIPIAS, DAMAS, PERLAS, CONDE DE LA REINA, REGALIA CHIO, REGALIA CLOTH, N

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 7371.—MARCH 30, 1887.

Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN BARQUE HEINRICH, Capt. BANNAW, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 28, 1887. 554

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

A Decided Success, no dissenting voice, the Acme of Perfection, all delighted with C. H. A. S. F. WEBB'S OPERATED PANTOMIMES MARIONETTES. The most original of and vastly superior to anything pretending to be of the same class.

A REPUTATION ENTHRONING THE EARL TO-MORROW EVENING, THURSDAY, March 31st, 1887.

NEXT PERFORMANCE, SATURDAY, April 2nd, Grand Gala Day Matinee, For Ladies, Children, Schools, Families, &c.

Amas in charge of Children free. The Children of the Convent Schools are respectfully invited to attend free. Doors open at 8.30. Commence at 9 p.m. Matinee doors open at 2.30, commence at 3 p.m.

Children half price to all parts of the house. Reserve Seats at KELLY & WASH. PHIL H. KIRBY, Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 553

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE THIRD PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON, BY THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

will take place on WEDNESDAY,

the 13th April, at 9 p.m., when will be produced a COMEDY by WILLIAM DRAUGH, entitled:

'A COMICAL COUNTESS,' AND H. J. BYRON'S COMEDY IN 3 ACTS entitled:

'OLD SOLDIERS.'

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., on and after Monday, 4th April, at 9 a.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2. Back Seats, \$1.

H. M. THOMSETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 554

DIOCESAN HOME & ORPHANAGE.

REQUIRED an English SECOND MASTER for the above. Apply stating age and qualifications to Rev. J. B. OST, Hon. Secy., West Point.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 552

HONGKONG MASONIC CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Club Premises will be Open to Members from Noon on SATURDAY, April 2nd. By Order:

GEO. H. SWALES, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 557

Chinese Imperial Government Seven per Cent. Silver Loan of 1886.

LOAN E.

FIRST HALF YEARLY DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, in conformity with the stipulations contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par at the Shanghai Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, and at other Offices of the Bank at the current rates of Exchange for demand bills on Shanghai, on the 31st day of March, 1887, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were, this day drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in presence of HIRSHEN MAURICE DEVIK, Esquire, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

15 Bonds, No. 1—

245 1032 1351 1807 2518

864 1152 1616 1933 2571

936 1221 1781 2354 2930

For 260 Shantung Taels each=3,750 Shanghai Taels.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

H. M. BEVIS, Chief Accountant.

Counter-signed,

A. B. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

Hongkong.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1887. 580

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SEVEN PER CENT. LOAN OF 1886.

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Agents Lesting the Loan,

JOHN WALTER, Acting Chef Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 581

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT).

The Steamship Dantie,

Captain Geo. Anderson,

will be despatched for

the above Port TO-MORROW, the 31st Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. R. MARTY,

No. 8, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 578

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship Peiping,

Capt. G. HEUTERMANN, will

be despatched for

the above Port TO-MORROW, the 31st Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 576

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

The Steamship Glenlyon,

Captain SOMMER, will be

despatched at above on

MONDAY, the 4th April, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 575

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and taking through cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship Cuttartine,

Captain DAICE, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on FRIDAY, the 8th April, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 570

FOR SALE.

STIRLING BONDING COMPANY'S CELEBRATED

'GAELIC WHISKY.'

REPORT ON A SHIPMENT OF THE STIRLING BONDING COMPANY'S 'GAELIC WHISKY.'

CITY ANALYSTS' LABORATORY, 136, BATH STREET, GLASGOW, 28th January, 1887.

I HAVE made a careful Analysis of a fair Sample of a Lot of about 5,000 Cases of the 'STIRLING BONDING COMPANY'S GAELIC WHISKY,' ready for shipment to Hongkong. The Sample was taken at Glasgow on the 20th January, 1887, and the case were weighed, and, from the results of my analysis, I am of opinion that it is a Pure Whisky, of superior quality, which has been matured in Sherry Casks. The strength is about eleven degrees under proof.

JOHN CLARK, F.R.C.S., F.I.O., City Analyst, &c.

Apply to RÄDERCKER & Co., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 573

FOR SALE.

STIRLING BONDING COMPANY'S CELEBRATED

'GAELIC WHISKY.'

TO DEPART.

For Cheang Hock Kien, from Penang, &c. 1 European, and 35 Chinese.

For Far Augusta, from Saigon, 4 Chinese.

For Amoy, Messrs. J. Burns, J. Rylands, Murray, Ewer, Pope, and 19 Chinese.

For Proponio, from Saigon, 24 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

For Thales, for Amoy, Lt.-Col. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. Fahy.

For Haikow, for Tamsui, Mr. John Newbury.

For Danube, for Haipheng, Rev. Roberta, and 47 Chinese.

For Glenlyon, for Shanghai, Rova, O. Jaroud, B. Jaroud, E. Goulaire, M. Jarazo, Messrs. O. Weber, E. Potter, Leonard Midwood and L. Lambre.

For Chung, for Sydney, 3 Europeans, and 26 Chinese.

For Diamant, for Amoy, 75 Chinese.

For Partridge, for Hoilow, 50 Chinese.

For Thomas, for Amoy, 37 Chinese.

For Triton, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

For Far Augusta, from Saigon, 2 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Palamedes reports light variable winds and fine weather.

The British steamer Cheang Hock Kien reports: Moderate N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The Danish steamer Adria reports: Had light Northwesterly winds with foggy weather.

The French steamer Agamemnon reports: Had light winds and misty weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Provenus reports: Left Saigon March 26th, had strong southwesterly and fine weather; Cape St. James to Padran, thence to Cape Varsa, fresh monsoon and fine weather with head sea. Parcels moderate to light monsoon, and fine weather. Had light winds and misty weather throughout.

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FOR SALE.

MÜNCHENER BEER FÜRSTENBRAU, AND SUPERIOR LAGER BEER.

Apply to RÄDERCKER & Co., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887. 574

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 30, 1887.—

Tarato, German steamer, 1,587.

Peterson, Nagasaki March 21, Coal.

TAXASIN, CONSUL.

Cheang Hock Kien, British steamer, 955.

FOR 260 Shantung Taels each=3,750 Shanghai Taels.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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retail trade in opium in this Colony and for the discouragement of the ultimate destruction of the trade generally. It came before the Council, because in the latter part of last year a Commission sat in this Colony under the provisions of what was commonly called the "Chaofoo Convention" and the additional article of the Convention signed last year in London. The object of the convention and of the additional article was to provide a remedy if possible for the very grievous complaints which had proceeded from this Colony with reference to what was known as the Customs blockade and also to find a way in which the two different classes were dealt with in the trade. Bengal opium came from India in boxes of 40 balls each and was packed up and guaranteed by the customs officers under cover of night.

The Chief Justice asked Mr. Breton to read a passage further on which he thought was very much stronger and which alluded to the fitting out of armed boats which had been going on of late.

Mr. Breton said that these were equipped for the purpose of smuggling into the interior, it being impossible for them to prevent any person from having in his possession more than a whole chest of opium or less. It came in balls varying in quantity and quality, and the Chinese Government that their revenue had been largely injured by smuggling and especially smuggling in the most important articles which revenue was collected with its position with regard to the mainland of China and to its being a free port. The ordinance being the outcome of the Convention and being intended to remedy this grievance, would be difficult to judge of the appropriateness of the remedy without first at the nature of the grievances. Hongkong had been suffering for many years from the parasitic disease commonly known as the "Customs blockade" and the Chinese Government complained that it was suffering from defective circulation. No one would dispute that smuggling had gone on very largely in China. He need not allude to the period before 1860 when opium was an entire forbidden article and when a powerful fleet was engaged in forcing it into all the treaty ports in China. After 1860 when opium was admitted under tariff, he thought it might be said, all smuggling by European firms ceased. Up to this time the enormous profits to be got were quite sufficient to induce almost any one to engage in smuggling. But after that date smuggling assumed another form, the smuggling by Chinese at the open ports directed against their own Government for the purpose of avoiding the custom duty imposed by their Government. Opium was landed in Hongkong free of duty and in the ordinary course of business, it paid 30 taels per chink according to the ordinary reckoning. But the opium was also sold here to Chinese dealers and undoubtedly an enormous quantity was smuggled from this port into China. He called the attention of the Council, however, to the fact that this smuggling both in its extent and its success was mainly due to the imperfect management of the Chinese in collecting their own revenue. It had been held that a broad principle of international law that a country was not called upon to protect the revenue laws of another country. On that principle the Hongkong Government had acted until now, and the Chinese had been left to round up and collect administration of their own affairs. Endeavouring to do this, they established this blockade station. For some years after the establishment of this blockade station the merchants in Hongkong had cause of grievous complaint with the method they enforced the duties. But this arose from the imperfection of the Chinese system of revenue consequent on the farming out of the revenue to private individuals. He thought it would be recognised that in course of time in consequence mainly of the complaints made from this Colony, vigorously enforced in London and Peking, these abuses with the blockade station even, under the Hoppo, were greatly diminished. A better class of men, who knew better what to do, were appointed and for some years the Hoppo Station had been fairly and reasonably conducted, and their main respects had been of considerable advantage to the retail trade of the Colony. He did not mean retail with reference to the size of the package and quantity of goods, but the trade in the hands of the Chinese here who sold to the Chinese who came here from the neighbouring village. That trade was carried on to considerable advantage under the Hoppo, because for the purpose of inducing the dealers to send through his office a large portion of the opium as they did, they drove the Opium Farmers to Macao. He prayed the Council to accede to the prayer of the petitioners until at least a reference had been made to the Secretary of State and a decision obtained from him, not on an ex parte statement, but with the arguments of both sides before him. He thanked the Council for hearing him and begged to be excused for having occupied so much time.

Mr. Breton, who appeared for the wholesale dealers, was then called upon, and in appealing for an adjournment of the second reading of the bill for a month, said that he appeared for a body of gentlemen who for the past 27 years had carried on their trade without any cause for blame from the Government and without any restrictions on their trade. He was instructed by these gentlemen to say that if the bill is carried out in its present form the principal part of their business will be destroyed, in fact it will render their residence in this colony of little value to themselves; and on looking at the bill it was impossible, he thought, to avoid finding in the frauds could not have thoroughly satisfied the interests involved. As he learned from his friend and himself, with the exception of the memorandum laid upon the table and from the memorandum signed by Mr. Busell at the commission, that co-operation was only to be given if it could be done without injury to the trade of the Colony. He would call the attention of the Council to the fact that the memorandum of agreement was not an agreement, but merely the basis for some arrangement to be entered into. It was a question for the Council whether Mr. Busell was entitled or authorised to enter into any definite agreement.

He drew attention to this to show that they were not bound hand and foot to the Chinese Government by the memorandum signed. However the very first clause in this agreement such as it was stated that an ordinance for the better regulation of the trade in raw opium would be submitted to the legislature subject to certain conditions, one of which was that no injury was done to the trade of the Colony. And there was a special reservation of 100,000 of the Government to repeat the trade in raw opium if it was found in practice to be injurious. Now it could be shown before hand that this ordinance was probably injurious to the trade of this Colony, for they were not departing from the spirit of the agreement if it was done to the same extent as the memorandum.

Mr. Breton pointed out that 107,170 chests were imported in 1879, 98,656 in 1881, and he believed since that there had been an increase, and that the import was usually set down in round numbers at 100,000. Of these 55,000 chests were sent mainly in the Colony, while, at an average of \$25 per chest, he had calculated a sum of over \$27,500,000. His instructions were that the bulk of it was sold to Chinese and the difference between \$25,000 and \$30,000 was exported, generally in foreign vessels. And the great bulk of the 30,000 were paid duty. When, therefore, they took into consideration the fact that this ordinance was introduced to prevent smuggling and assist China in collecting her revenue it was important to ascertain the actual quantity of the drug that was smuggled. It was impossible to ascertain this with any accuracy, but he found that in the report of the Commission already alluded to, there would be a statement near the mark that in any other document extant, and the same was done to the trade of the Colony. And now, Mr. MacEwan, who had a few days ago in conversation complained to the Attorney-General that the Chinese authorities will take care of that.

The Attorney-General moved an adjournment of the second reading for a month. In the course of his remarks he said that it had been stated here 50,000 chests had come down from the Canton Station.

Hon. Mr. MacEwan seconded the proposal and in doing so intimated his intention to oppose the second reading and gave reasons for doing so to do.

Mr. Breton said he got his figures from the opium dealers and he found that the figures in the report of the 1883 Commission were substantially the same.

The Chief Justice said he happened to be Chairman of that Commission and the amount of chests imported in one year was 89,000, and a very much smaller number was exported.

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